Employees in the Government Press.

272. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the employees of the Government Press, excepting about 60, consisting of more than 100 permanent employees and more than 300 non-permanent employees, including compositors and binders, get any leave other than the 14 days' casual leave ;

(*b*) whether the employees who are entitled to get pension in future have put in complaints to the authorities concerned praying that leave should be granted to them ;

(*c*) the order passed on the said complaints ; and

(*d*) whether the $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. allowance was stopped as per retrenchment scheme ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) The employees in the Government Press are of two classes, salaried men (138) and permanent piece-workers (188). The permanent piece-workers are again divided into two classes, *i. e*,

(1) those who had been on the salaried staff till 1090 and were converted into piece-workers in that year ; and

(2) those recruited since 1090.

While the former enjoy all kinds of leave allowances, the latter are eligible only for 14 days' casual leave in the year.

(*b*) Yes

(*c*) The memorials are under consideration.

(*d*) Yes.

Protection to cocoanut products.

273. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai :** With reference to the communication from our Government to the Government of India regarding the protection to be given to our cocoanut products as against competition from outside India, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any response has been made by the India Government, and if so, what ; and

(*b*) whether there has been any improvement in the situation effected on account of the interference of the Imperial Government ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) Yes. The tariff values of Ceylon cocoanuts, cocoanut oil and copra for levy of import duty thereon by the Government of India have been enhanced as follows with effect from the 1st January 1936:—

		Tariff value before 1-1-1936.			*Triff value on and after 1-1-1936.*		
		Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1.	Cocoanuts	28	8	0 per thousand	45	0	0 per thousand.
2.	Cocoanut oil	10	0	0 per cwt.	13	0	0 per cwt.
3.	Copra	6	0	0 per cwt.	9	0	0 per cwt.

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